

Osaka, Japan

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Dear Mother,

I'm sorry that I didn't get a birthday card sent to you but will be thinking about you on the 7th. Please buy yourself something with that \$2.00 as it is hard to send things from here because you would have to pay duty on them. We are going to try to send Christmas boxes but will send a check on ahead to pay for the duty.

I received my birthday present from Jake today. It is a lovely Japanese tea set (tea pot + 10 cups with lids).

Paul is sleeping now and I am going to wash my hair as soon as the water is hot. We went swimming in the ocean last night and my hair is quite gooy [sic]

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today. Tonight we are going to the Parsons for supper tonight.

Continued Sat. Supper last night turned out to be a birthday supper for me. We had fried [sic] chicken + birthday cake and all. The Parsons gave me a little plant. It is a tree shaped like a bird with ferns growing out from it. The Johns and Alice gave me a wooden candy dish. This morning Rev. Hirofani came with a pretty sun-umbrella from the kinder-garten [sic] children. It seems like everyone is determined that I have a happy birthday.

Tomorrow we are going to Arakawa for the services and stay over nite [sic] for services on Monday. Jake is to preach and I am to give felto-grams [sic]

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to several S.S. [Sunday School] groups. On Tues. we are having the Yoshikis up for ice-cream + cake. Then on Wed. we are going to the Holiness Camp. Sounds like a busy time doesn't

it?

It is very, very hot here now. Both Paul and we sleep with fans on us all through the night. Jakes [sic] book is finished now but it will soon be time to start studying again. We plan a three day [sic] trip to Lake Biwa. The Yoshiki's [sic] have a summer-home there. We will probably go fishing and swimming. They say that the fish are so thick that you can catch them with your hands.

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I just finished making a summer dress (I guess that it is the first one that I have ever made all by myself. I'm not much of a seamstress but it is wearable. [sic] Jake bought some white suiting and is having some summer trousers made.

Setsuko [their Japanese maid] just broke the glass on the top of my electric-oven.

Jake is making lots of noise
trying to fix it. I hope that
it doesn't awaken Paul. If
he gets it fixed we will have
roast pork for supper. Other-
wise I guess it will have to
be stew.

I must close and get some
packing etc. done. We have
to leave early in the morn-
ing.

Love to all,

Jake, Florence + Paul